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AMCONSUL KADUNA

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PINT, NI

SUBJ: NIGERIAN COUP: GOWON'S NAMES CROPS UP

1. LT. COL. B.S. DIMKA (OFFICER WHOSE RECORDED VOICE IN ANNOUNCING OVERTHROW OF MUHAMMED REGIME) APPARENTLY IS RELATIVE OF FORMER HEAD OF STATE GOWON. BOTH FAMILIES ARE ANGAS FROM PLATEAU STATE.

2. CONSULAR SECTION RECENTLY ISSUED VISA TO A MARGARET ANN DIMKA, DAUGHTER OF POLICE COMMISSIONER KWARA STATE, TO GO TO FORDHAM FOR STUDIES. SHE WAS SPONSORED FOR VISA BY TWO BROTHERS OF GENERAL

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GOWON -- MOSES (AIR FORCE MAJOR CURRENTLY IN UNITED STATES ON

C-130 TRAINING) AND STANLEY, AN ARMY MAJOR IN KWARA STATE. MISS  
DIMKA DESCRIBED HERSELF AS A NIECE OF GENERAL GOWON.

3. COMMENT: WHETHER THIS APPARENT CLOSE FAMILY CONNECTION  
WILL HAVE ANY POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS UNKNOWN.  
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